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SUBJECT: CANADA PREPARING FORMAL REQUEST TO JOIN CONTACT
GROUP ON PIRACY OFF THE COAST OF SOMALIA

REF: STATE 4610

1. (SBU) In response to reftel, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) Senior Advisor for Defense and Security Relations Sarah Robertson promised to draft and clear the required correspondence and convey it as soon as possible to our Charge d'Affaires. DFAIT will ensure that U.S. officials receive the letter in time to circulate Canada's qualifications to the Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia (CGPCS), with the expectation that the Contact Group will approve Canadian membership at its July 2009 meeting, she said.

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